

PAPILIO HECUBA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes, (volatu diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PAPILIO alis anterioribus rubris, posterioribus nigris, omnibus subtus ocellatis.

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Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2247.

PAPILIO alis dentatis, anticis rubris, posticis nigris, subtus utrinque ocellatis.

Lin. Mant. 1534.

Colorum dispositione insignis Papilio Hecuba inter maximos et lautissimos sui generis locum sibi vindicat. Alæ superiores læte ferrugineo-rubrae, oris fuscis; inferiores atræ longe minus nigrant juxta basin seu ad humeros. Alarum tum superiorum

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tum inferiorum margines decorat series macularum
leviter flaventium. Corpus griseum, seu canescens.
Alarum omnium superficies inferior variis umbris
nigris, fuscis, canis, ferrugineis undulata, maculis
quoque quasi ocellatis concoloribus adornatur.
Americam Australem incolit venustissima hæc spe-
cies.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ or Horns thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

Wings (when sitting) erect, and meeting upwards.
(*Flight* diurnal.)

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

BUTTERFLY with the upper wings red, the lower black ; each pair ocellated beneath.

LE GRAND OCULÉ DE CAYENNE.

Pl. enl. 19.

The *Papilio Hecuba* is one of the largest and most magnificent of its tribe. It is also remarkable for the singularity of its colour ; the upper wings being of a very rich ferruginous-red with dusky edges, while the lower ones are black, but considerably paler towards their base than on the broader part. Both the upper and lower wings are edged with a series of palish yellow spots. The body is greyish. The under surface of all the wings is undulated

dulated with various shades of brown, black, grey, and ferruginous, and marked by several eye-like spots of similar colours. This superb insect is a native of South America.